UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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v. : Crim. No. 18-528 (ZNQ)

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CEDRICK HODGES : **ORDER FOR A CONTINUANCE**

This matter having come before the Court on the joint application of Philip R. Sellinger, United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey (by Eric A. Boden, Assistant United States Attorney), and defendant Cedrick Hodges (by Stacy Biancamano, Esq. and Daniel Holzapfel, Esq.), for an order granting a continuance of the proceedings in the above-captioned matter from the date this Order is signed through October 31, 2022 to permit defense counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation in this matter and to allow the parties to discuss the matter and conduct plea negotiations in an effort to resolve the case before grand jury proceedings and trial; and the defendant being aware that he has the right to have the matter commence to trial within 70 days from the filing date (and making public) of the indictment, or from the date the defendant has appeared before a judicial officer of the court in which such charge is pending, whichever date last occurs pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(c)(1); and twelve (12) prior continuances having been entered by the Honorable Brian R. Martinotti and the Honorable Zahid N. Ouraishi since the indictment in this matter was returned, on the following dates: October 19, 2018, March 20, 2019, April 15,

2019, August 20, 2019, September 4, 2019, June 10, 2020, November 13, 2020, May 27, 2021, October 1, 2021, January 31, 2022, March 31, 2022, and June 2, 2022; and the defendant, through his attorney, having consented to the continuance; and for good and sufficient cause shown,

IT IS THE FINDING OF THIS COURT that this action should be continued for the following reasons:

- (1) The parties anticipate entering into a non-trial disposition of the criminal matter, which would render any subsequent trial of this matter unnecessary;
- (2) The failure to grant such a continuance would deny counsel for the defendant or the attorney for the government the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence;
- (3) The grant of a continuance will likely conserve judicial resources; and
- (4) Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(7), the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

WHEREFORE, it is on this 31st day of August, 2022;

ORDERED that this action be, and it hereby is, continued from the date this Order is signed through October 31, 2022; and it is further ORDERED that the period from the date this Order is signed through

October 31, 2022 shall be excludable in computing time under the Speedy Trial

Act of 1974.

s/ Zahid N. Quraishi
HON. ZAHID N. QURAISHI
United States District Judge

Form and entry consented to:

Eric A. Boden

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Assistant United States Attorney

s/Stacy Biancamano

Stacy Biancamano, Esq.

Daniel Holzapfel, Esq.

Counsel for defendant Cedrick Hodges